

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-4 have been amended. Claims 10-32 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – U5 USC 112

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Appropriate correction has been made to claims 1 and 3.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC 102

Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Pfeiffer et al. (US 6,092,981) (hereinafter "Pfeiffer").

Pfeiffer discusses a modular substrate cassette. One embodiment of Pfeiffer, a modular substrate cassette 50 has 27 substrate slots 64. The columnar supports 56, 57, and 58 include corresponding vertical support members 66, 72', 72, lateral alignment members 68, 74', and 74, and optionally a quantity of spacers 70, 76', and 76 to define a substrate slot 64. Various arrangements of spacing in the substrate slots and number of substrate slots can be readily obtained by choosing an appropriate number of vertical support members, lateral alignment members, and spacers. Pfeiffer, 5:45-5:54 and Figure 4.

Claims 1-5, 7 and 8

Amended claim recites: "...a plurality of horizontal front frames, the front frames each including a plurality of having a front supporters adapted to supporting at the front edge of the individual LCD glass." Support for this amendment may be found in at least Figures 3 and 4. In contrast to claim 1, Pfeiffer does not discuss horizontal front frames and front supporters to support the front edge of an LCD glass. Pfeiffer provides columnar supports (56, 57, 58), vertical support members (66, 72', 72) and lateral alignment members (68, 74', 74) but do not provide horizontal front frames as recited in claim 1.

An aspect of the present invention, as recited in claim 1, is to support an LCD glass in the front of the cassette. Using the arrangement of Pfeiffer, the front of the glass stored in the cassette is likely to sag and droop.

Claims 2-5, 7 and 8 depend on claim 1 and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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